

FIRESAFE IN FOCUS

Wildfire Season is Here!




Spotlight: "Little Green Gas Cans"

Native juniper trees and bushes are a part of our ecosystem. However, they greatly increase the fire risk of your property. Firefighters often refer to ornamental junipers as **"little green gas cans"**. They contain flammable resins and dried vegetation, and when ignited can burn intensely. If you have junipers near your home, consider removing them. You can replace them with fire-wise plants, rock mulches and hard surfaces.

We Need Your Help!

Whether you live in town or outlying areas, mitigating fire risk is everyone's responsibility. Here's what you can do:

- ⇒ **Schedule your free wildfire risk home assessment.**

Apply on our website or use this QR code. 



- ⇒ **Help us spread the word!** TCFSWG stands ready to attend events, meetings, and neighborhood gatherings. Contact us today if you have ideas on how we can work together (exdir@tcfswg.org)!

Mark Your Calendar

Water Resilient Helena Workshop. July 22, MT City Volunteer Fire Hall, 6-7:30 pm.

Firewise Garden Demonstration Tour. July 29, MT City Volunteer Fire Hall, 6-7:30 pm.

Jazz in the Woods. August 3, Moose Creek Ranger Station, 6:30-8:30 pm. We'll be there!

Watershed Festival. August 23, Women's Park. We'll be there!

Have you thought about firescaping?

Firescaping is a landscaping technique focused on reducing the risk of wildfire damage by strategically using fire-resistant plants and design features. Core principles include:

- ⇒ Firewise Plant Selection
- ⇒ Creating Defensible Space
- ⇒ Performing Regular Maintenance

Visit our **Firewise Demonstration Garden** at the Montana City Volunteer Fire Department to see how beautiful firewise plants can be! For more information, including our plant database:

<https://tcfswg.org/projects/firewise-demonstration-garden/>

In Their Words

"I went down and toured your extraordinary rock garden at the Fire Station last week. Wow! Amazing!"

- Greg Dahl,
property owner

TCFSWG By the Numbers 2024-2025

Risk Assessments	412
Projects Completed or In Progress	85
Structures Protected	197
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Acres	468

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Questions? We are here to help!



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